level of protection to the workers in the unorganised sector has since submitted its report to the Government. The recommendations of the Commission cover various aspects of labour *viz.* review of laws, social security, women and child labour, skill development, labour administration, unorganised sector etc. The report is under process in consultation with various social partners. However, given the procedures involved, it may be difficult to specify the time limit.

Utilization of EPF for housing scheme

1728. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Employees Provident Fund accumulation would be utilized for housing scheme for EPF members;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the other social security benefits proposed for the workers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) to (c) The Central Board of Trustees, Employees Provident Fund (EPF) at its 158th meeting held on 22.10.2002 has, in principle, approved launching of a housing scheme for EPF subscribers. A Committee has been constituted consisting of representatives of employers, employees and senior officials of Employees Provident Fund Organisation under the Chairmanship of Shri S. Gopalan, former Union Labour Secretary. The Committee is studying the feasibility aspects of the implementation of the scheme.

Implementation of Labour Commission's recommendations

1729. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question No. 305 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 21st November, 2002 and state:

(a) the recommendations on the issues which are not acceptable to the Unions; and

(b) the manner in which Government plan to resolve them and push through the long-standing reforms, which is vital for the growth and development of the Nation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) and (b) Trade Unions have generally opposed